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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**
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12 WESTLAKE SERVICES, LLC d/b/a
13 WESTLAKE FINANCIAL
14 SERVICES,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 CREDIT ACCEPTANCE
18 CORPORATION,

19 Defendant.
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Case No. 2:15-cv-07490 SJO (MRWx)

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

Honorable S. James Otero

Hon. Michael R. Wilner

Complaint Filed: September 24, 2015

1 This Action will likely involve nonpublic information about the companies’
 2 respective profit sharing programs and prior versions thereof; Westlake’s financial
 3 statements; the companies’ respective business practices; the personal finances and
 4 information of used car buyers, such as social security numbers, telephone numbers,
 5 home addresses, and credit scores; and the financial or other arrangements Westlake
 6 or Credit Acceptance has or had with auto dealers. Disclosure of such information
 7 to the public, particularly to auto dealers, could disadvantage Westlake and Credit
 8 Acceptance in business negotiations or in raising capital and could otherwise
 9 negatively affect the profitability of the companies. It could also harm used car
 10 buyers by facilitating theft of their identity and causing them reputational harm. To
 11 avoid these potential harms, certain material should be shielded from public
 12 disclosure through “CONFIDENTIAL” treatment.

13 This Action will also likely involve competitively sensitive information—
 14 such as Westlake’s, Credit Acceptance’s, and other market participants’ customer
 15 lists, pricing and sales data, business plans, internal research and development, and
 16 market forecasts—that should not be shared between or among competitors. The
 17 disclosure of such information to a competitor could provide that competitor with an
 18 unfair competitive advantage and negatively affect consumers by reducing
 19 competition in the marketplace generally.¹ To avoid these potential harms, certain
 20 material should be should be shielded from public disclosure and generally from
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22 ¹ See generally Fed. Trade Comm’n & U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Antitrust Guidelines for
 23 Collaborations Among Competitors § 3.31(d) (2000) (“[T]he sharing of information
 24 related to a market . . . in which the [parties sharing information] are actual or potential
 25 competitors may increase the likelihood of collusion on matters such as price, output, or
 26 other competitively sensitive variables. The competitive concern depends on the nature of
 27 the information shared. [T]he sharing of information relating to price, output, costs, or
 28 strategic planning is more likely to raise competitive concern than the sharing of
 information relating to less competitively sensitive variables. . . . [T]he sharing of
 individual company data is more likely to raise concern than the sharing of aggregated data
 that does not permit recipients to identify individual firm data.”).

Westlake's or Credit Acceptance's employees through "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY" treatment.

Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential or highly confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, nonpublic manner, and there is a good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.²

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER

1. Each party may designate as confidential for protection under this Order, in whole or in part, any document, information or material that constitutes or includes, in whole or in part, confidential or proprietary information or trade secrets of the producing party or a third party to whom the producing party reasonably believes it owes an obligation of confidentiality with respect to such document, information or material ("Protected Material").

2. In determining the scope of the information which a party may designate as its Protected Material, each party acknowledges the importance of

² The protective order is derived from Judge Wilner's form protective order (available at cacd.uscourts.gov) and the protective order Judge Wilner entered in the patent infringement lawsuit between the parties, *Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Westlake Services, LLC*, No. 13-cv-01523-SJO-MRWx (C.D. Cal.) [ECF No. 56], a lawsuit underlying part of Plaintiff Westlake's allegations in this case.

1 client access to information necessary to client decision-making in the prosecution
 2 or defense of this litigation, and therefore agrees that designations of information as
 3 Protected Material and responses to requests to permit further disclosure of
 4 Protected Material shall be made in good faith and not (a) to impose burden or delay
 5 on an opposing party or (b) for tactical or other advantage in litigation.

6 3. With respect to documents, information or material designated with any
 7 confidentiality designation (“Designated Material”) under this Order, subject to the
 8 provisions herein and unless otherwise stated, this Order governs, without
 9 limitation: (a) all documents, electronically stored information, and things,
 10 regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained,
 11 as defined by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; (b) deposition testimony; (c)
 12 affidavits; and (d) stipulations. All copies, reproductions, extracts, digests and
 13 complete or partial summaries prepared from any Designated Material shall also be
 14 considered **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** and treated as such under this Order.

15 **TIMING OF DESIGNATIONS**

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 17 4. A designation of Protected Material (i.e., “**CONFIDENTIAL**,”
 18 “**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY**,” or “**HIGHLY**
 19 “**CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE/OBJECT CODE**”) must be clearly so designated
 20 before the Protected Material is disclosed or produced. However, inadvertent or
 21 unintentional production of documents, information or material that has not been
 22 designated shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of a claim for
 23 confidential treatment. Any party that inadvertently or unintentionally produces
 24 Protected Material without designating it may request destruction of that Protected
 25 Material by notifying the recipient(s), as soon as reasonably possible after the
 26 producing Party becomes aware of the inadvertent or unintentional disclosure, and
 27 providing replacement Protected Material that is properly designated. The
 28 recipient(s) shall then destroy all copies of the inadvertently or unintentionally

1 produced Protected Materials and any documents, information or material derived
2 from or based thereon.

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4 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

5 5. “**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**” shall mean all documents,
6 information or material that is produced for or disclosed to a receiving party that the
7 producing party, including any party to this action and any non-party producing
8 information or material voluntarily or pursuant to a subpoena or a court order,
9 believes is not publically known, and which the producing party would not normally
10 reveal to third parties or, if disclosed, would require such third parties to maintain in
11 confidence, whether embodied in physical objects, documents, or the factual
12 knowledge of persons; and that has been so designated by the producing party.

13 6. The following information is not **CONFIDENTIAL**
14 **INFORMATION**:

- 15 (a) any information which at the time of disclosure to a receiving party
16 is in the public domain;
17 (b) any information which after disclosure to a receiving party becomes
18 part of the public domain as a result of publication not involving a
19 violation of this order;
20 (c) information that the receiving party can show was lawfully in the
21 receiving party’s possession prior to being designated as Protected
22 Material in this litigation and that the receiving party is not otherwise
23 obligated to treat as confidential;
24 (d) information that the receiving party can show was obtained (without
25 any benefit or use of Protected Material) from a third party having the
26 right to disclose such information to the receiving party without
27 restriction or obligation of confidentiality;
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1 (e) information that the receiving party can show by written record was
2 independently developed by it after the time of disclosure by personnel
3 who did not have access to the producing party's Protected Material, or
4 (f) information that was submitted to a governmental entity without
5 request for confidential treatment.

6 7. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** may be disclosed only to the
7 following persons where such persons require such information and will use such
8 information only for purposes of preparation and litigation of this matter:

9 (a) the parties' outside counsel of record in this action and
10 employees of such counsel assigned to and necessary to assist such
11 counsel in the preparation and trial of this action, including but not
12 limited to attorneys, paralegals, law clerks, and stenographic and
13 clerical employees, and excluding consultants, experts and
14 investigators;

15 (b) outside persons (who are not employees of a party) such as a
16 proposed expert witness, outside consultant, or investigator, with whom
17 counsel may deem it necessary to consult concerning technical,
18 financial, or other aspects of this case for the preparation of trial
19 thereof, provided that such persons first sign a copy of the
20 Confidentiality Agreement, appended hereto as Exhibit A;

21 (c) graphics, translation, design, jury and/or trial consulting services,
22 including mock jurors, retained by a party or counsel, provided, if such
23 persons are not employees of counsel, they first sign a copy of the
24 Confidentiality Agreement, appended hereto as Exhibit A;

25 (d) data processing vendors, photocopy, document imaging and
26 database services, and consultants retained by outside counsel of record
27 or a party to set up, maintain, and/or operate computer systems,
28 litigation databases or to convert data for inclusions in such databases;

(e) the Court, its technical adviser (if one is appointed), persons employed by the Court, jurors, mediators, and court reporters or videographers in this action or any appeal therefrom;

(f) at a deposition, (i) any person who authored or previously received the Protected Material; (ii) subject to timely objection including objection that such person is not internally authorized to receive such information, any person currently employed by the designating party; and (iii) witnesses and attorneys for witnesses to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary, provided that such witnesses and attorneys first sign a copy of the Confidentiality Agreement, appended hereto as Exhibit A; and

(g) subject to the requirements of paragraphs 11-13, no more than two in-house counsel who act in a legal capacity for the receiving party in preparation and trial of this action and one employee of such counsel assigned to and necessary to assist such counsel in the preparation and trial of this action, including, for example, attorneys, paralegals, law clerks, and stenographic and clerical employees, provided such persons first sign copy of the Confidentiality Agreement, appended hereto as Exhibit A.

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY

8. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** may be additionally designated **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY**. The **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** designation is reserved for information that constitutes proprietary financial or technical or commercially sensitive competitive information that could cause significant competitive harm if disclosed to an unauthorized person. Such information includes, without limitation, trade secrets or other confidential research, development, technical, financial, or

1 commercial information, pending but unpublished patent applications, information
 2 concerning research, development and other activities related to unreleased
 3 products, license agreements and other highly confidential technical, research and
 4 development, and financial information, information obtained from a non-party
 5 pursuant to a current Nondisclosure Agreement (“NDA”), information relating to
 6 current and future products not yet commercially released, strategic plans, technical
 7 documents that refer to or relate to trade secrets, settlement agreements or settlement
 8 communications, sales data, customer lists, cost-of-goods sold, pricing, and market
 9 research, the disclosure of which is likely to cause harm to the competitive position
 10 of the producing party. This designation shall be made in good faith.

11 9. **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY**
 12 **INFORMATION** may be disclosed only to the parties designated in paragraphs
 13 7(a)-(f).
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15 **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE OR OBJECT CODE**

16 10. Should the production of computer source or object code become
 17 necessary, through discovery between the parties or by Order of the Court in the
 18 event the parties disagree on source or object code production, the parties agree to
 19 cooperate to supplement this protective order with a **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –**
 20 **SOURCE CODE** or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OBJECT CODE** tier of
 21 protection.
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23 **PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSURE TO IN-HOUSE COUNSEL**

24 11. Each party may designate up to two persons described in paragraph
 25 7(g) (“In-House Counsel”) to receive **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**, subject
 26 to each such person signing a copy of the Confidentiality Agreement appended
 27 hereto as Exhibit A prior to receiving any **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**.
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1 12. Each party will notify the other party of its designated In-House
2 Counsel in writing within 20 days of entry of this Order. The notice shall include
3 any signed Confidentiality Agreement(s), and the following information about the
4 designated In-House Counsel:

- 5 (a) name;
- 6 (b) title; and
- 7 (c) description of legal and non-legal duties.

8 13. If a party needs to replace either of its two designated In-House
9 Counsel, it shall notify the other side in writing within 10 days of the newly
10 designated In-House Counsel signing a copy of the Confidentiality Agreement in
11 Exhibit A. For the avoidance of doubt, no In-House Counsel may receive
12 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** prior to signing the Confidentiality
13 Agreement in Exhibit A. Furthermore, the number of In-House Counsel designated
14 to receive **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** can at no time exceed two for each
15 party.

16 17 **INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE**

18 14. Inadvertent or unintentional production of documents or information
19 containing **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** that are not designated as such shall not
20 be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of a claim for confidential treatment. If a
21 producing party inadvertently discloses or produces any information that it deems to
22 be **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** without so designating the information, the
23 producing party shall promptly, upon discovery of such inadvertent disclosure,
24 inform the receiving party in writing. The receiving party shall thereafter treat the
25 **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** as if it has always been so designated under this
26 Protective Order. To the extent that such information may already have been
27 disclosed to persons not authorized to see the **DESIGNATED MATERIAL**, the
28 receiving party shall make every reasonable effort to retrieve the information

1 promptly from such persons and to limit any further disclosure to unauthorized
 2 persons, and obtain a signed copy of the Confidentiality Agreement, appended
 3 hereto as Exhibit A, from those persons.

4 15. In the event of a disclosure of any **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** to a
 5 person or persons not authorized to receive such information under this Protective
 6 Order, the party responsible for having made such disclosure, and each party with
 7 knowledge thereof, shall immediately notify the producing party and provide all
 8 known relevant information concerning the nature and circumstances of the
 9 disclosure. The party responsible for having made such disclosure shall also
 10 promptly take all reasonable measures to retrieve the improperly disclosed
 11 information and to ensure that no further or greater unauthorized disclosure and/or
 12 use thereof is made.

13 **DESIGNATION OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

14 16. Any document or tangible thing containing or including any material
 15 meeting the criteria in Paragraph 5 for **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** may
 16 be designated as such by the producing party by marking it “**CONFIDENTIAL**
 17 **INFORMATION**” or “**CONFIDENTIAL**” prior to or at the time copies are
 18 furnished to the receiving party. Information meeting the criteria in Paragraph 8 for
 19 **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** may be designated
 20 as such by the producing party by marking it “**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -**
 21 **OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY.**” Information meeting the criteria in Paragraph 10
 22 for **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE/OBJECT CODE** may be designated
 23 as such by the producing party by marking it “**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –**
 24 **SOURCE/OBJECT CODE.**”

25 17. At the request of any party, the original and all copies of any deposition
 26 transcript, in whole or in part, may be marked **CONFIDENTIAL**
 27 **INFORMATION, HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY,**
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1 and/or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE/OBJECT CODE** in the
 2 following manner:

3 (a) At any time during the deposition and at the request of any party,
 4 the deposition transcript or a portion thereof shall be marked by the
 5 reporter with **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, HIGHLY**
 6 **CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY**, and/or **HIGHLY**
 7 **CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE/OBJECT CODE**. Any portions so
 8 designated shall thereafter be separated and treated in accordance with
 9 the terms of this Order.

10 (b) Any party may designate a deposition transcript or a portion
 11 thereof with **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, HIGHLY**
 12 **CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY**, and/or **HIGHLY**
 13 **CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE/OBJECT CODE** as appropriate
 14 within 15 days after first receiving a formal copy of the same transcript
 15 from the deposition service by informing all other parties in writing.

16 (c) All parties shall treat an entire deposition transcript as designated
 17 **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** until
 18 15 days after first receiving a formal copy of the same transcript from
 19 the deposition service.

20 18. All **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** not reduced to documentary,
 21 tangible, or physical form or that cannot be conveniently designated as set forth in
 22 Paragraph 20 or 21, shall be designated by the producing party by informing the
 23 receiving party of the designation in writing.

24 **NO WAIVER OF PRIVILEGE**

25 19. The inadvertent production in discovery of any attorney-client
 26 privileged or otherwise protected or exempted information, including materials
 27 subject to protection under the work product doctrine, the common interest doctrine
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1 or agreements, or other applicable immunities, shall not be deemed a waiver or
2 impairment of any claim of privilege or protection or the subject matter thereof,
3 provided that the producing party shall immediately notify the receiving party in
4 writing when inadvertent production is discovered. Within 10 business days of
5 receiving written notice from the producing party that privileged or protected
6 information has been inadvertently produced, along with a log accurately describing
7 such material, all such information, and all copies thereof, shall be returned to the
8 producing party by the receiving party. The receiving party may only challenge the
9 designation of the inadvertently produced information by moving for a court order
10 compelling production of the material. Such a motion to compel shall rely solely on
11 the description of the inadvertently-produced information that is provided on the
12 producing party's log, provided that the description therein is accurate; the receiving
13 party may not cite or otherwise rely on the content of the inadvertently-produced
14 information, except that if the description in the log is inaccurate or misleading and
15 the producing party refuses to correct it after consultation, one copy of the material
16 may be filed under seal with the motion to compel, with all other copies returned to
17 the producing party and none retained by the receiving party. Any motion brought
18 pursuant to this paragraph will be made in strict compliance with Local Rules 37-1
19 and 37-2 (including the Joint Stipulation requirement).

CHALLENGES TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION DESIGNATIONS

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22 20. The parties will use reasonable care when designating documents or
23 information as **DESIGNATED MATERIAL**. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a
24 receiving party from contending that any or all documents or information designated
25 as **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** have been improperly designated. A receiving
26 party may at any time request that the producing party cancel or modify the
27 **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** designation with respect to any document or
28 information contained therein.

21. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** designation at the time made, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. Such a challenge shall be written, shall be served on counsel for the producing party, must recite that the challenge to a **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** designation is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph, shall particularly identify the documents or information that the receiving party contends should be differently designated, and shall describe with particularity the basis for the challenge. The parties shall use their best efforts to resolve such disputes promptly and informally, and must begin the meet-and-confer process (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the challenging party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the designating party an opportunity to review the **DESIGNATED MATERIAL**, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. If agreement cannot be reached, the challenging party may request that the Court cancel or modify a **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** designation. Any motion brought by a challenging party pursuant to this paragraph will be made in strict compliance with Local Rules 37-1 and 37-2 (including the Joint Stipulation requirement)), and may be brought only if the challenging party has engaged in the meet and confer process first or establishes that the designating party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely matter.

LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

22. **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** shall be held in confidence by each person to whom it is disclosed, shall be used only for the purpose of conducting this litigation, shall not be used for any business purpose, and shall not be disclosed to any person who is not entitled to receive such information as herein provided. All

1 produced **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** shall be carefully maintained so as to
 2 preclude access by persons who are not entitled to receive such information.
 3 However, nothing in this Order shall prevent any court reporter or videographer
 4 from reviewing any evidence in this case for the purpose of these proceedings.

5 23. Except as may be otherwise ordered by the Court, any person may be
 6 examined as a witness at depositions and may testify concerning all **DESIGNATED**
 7 **MATERIAL** of which such person has prior knowledge.

8 24. In accordance with Local Rule 79-5.1, if any papers to be filed with the
 9 Court contain information and/or documents that have been designated as
 10 **“CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –**
 11 **OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE**
 12 **CODE, or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OBJECT CODE”** the proposed filing
 13 shall be accompanied by an application to file the papers or the portion thereof
 14 containing the designated information or documents (if such portion is segregable)
 15 under seal; and the application shall be directed to the judge to whom the papers are
 16 directed. For motions, the parties shall publicly file a redacted version of the motion
 17 and supporting papers.

18 25. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **HIGHLY**
 19 **CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** shall not be copied or
 20 otherwise reproduced by a receiving party, except for transmission to qualified
 21 recipients, without the written permission of the producing party, or, in the
 22 alternative, by further order of the Court. Nothing herein shall, however, restrict a
 23 qualified recipient from making working copies, abstracts, digests and/or analyses of
 24 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -**
 25 **OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** for use in connection with this litigation and such
 26 working copies, abstracts, digests and/or analyses shall be deemed
 27 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -**
 28 **OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** under the terms of this Order.

26. Nothing herein shall restrict qualified recipients from converting or translating **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY** into machine readable form for incorporation into a data retrieval system used in connection with this action, provided that access to **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** or **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE COUNSEL ONLY**, in whatever form stored or reproduced, shall be limited to qualified recipients.

NON-PARTY USE OF THIS PROTECTIVE ORDER

27. As used herein, the terms “party” and “parties” mean, respectively, a party in this litigation and multiple parties to this litigation.

28. A non-party producing information or material voluntarily or pursuant to a subpoena or a court order may designate such material or information in the same manner and shall receive the same level of protection under this Protective Order as any party to this lawsuit.

29. A non-party’s use of this Protective Order to protect its **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** does not entitle that non-party access to **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** produced by any party in this litigation.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

30. Any of the notice requirements herein may be waived, in whole or in part, but only in writing and signed by an attorney of record for the party against whom such waiver will be effective.

31. Within 60 days after the entry of a final non-appealable judgment or order resolving claims against any party (“Terminated Party”), or the complete settlement of all claims asserted against any Terminated Party, each receiving party must return all Designated Material to the producing party or destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, “all Designated Material” includes all copies, abstracts,

1 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
2 Designated Material. Whether the Designated Material is returned or destroyed, the
3 receiving party must submit a written certification to the producing party (and, if not
4 the same person or entity, to the designating party) by the 60-day deadline that (1)
5 identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Designated Material that was
6 returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the receiving party has not retained any
7 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or
8 capturing any of the Designated Material. Notwithstanding this provision, outside
9 counsel of record are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion
10 papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence,
11 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant
12 and expert work product, even if such materials contain Designated Material. Any
13 such archival copies that contain or constitute Designated Material remain subject to
14 this Protective Order.

15 32. After termination of this litigation, the provisions of this Order shall
16 continue to be binding, except with respect to those documents and information that
17 become a matter of public record. This Court retains and shall have continuing
18 jurisdiction over the parties and recipients of **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** for
19 enforcement of the provisions of this Order following termination of this litigation.

20 33. This Order shall be binding upon the parties and their attorneys,
21 successors, legal representatives, assigns, subsidiaries, divisions, employees, agents,
22 independent contractors, or other persons or organizations over which they have
23 control.

24 34. This Order is entered without prejudice to the right of any party to
25 apply to the Court at any time for additional protection, or to relax or rescind the
26 restrictions of this Order, when convenience or necessity requires. The Court shall
27 take appropriate measures to protect **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** at trial and any
28 hearing in this case.

1 35. Until such time as this Protective Order has been entered by the Court,
2 the parties agree that upon execution by the parties, the Protective Order will be
3 treated as though it had been “So Ordered.”

4 36. The United States District Court for the Central District of California,
5 Western Division, is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of this
6 Protective Order. All disputes concerning **DESIGNATED MATERIAL** produced
7 under the protection of this Protective Order shall be resolved by the United States
8 District Court for the Central District of California, Western Division.

9 37. Nothing in this Protective Order is intended or should be construed as
10 authorizing a party to disobey a lawful subpoena issued in another action.

11 38. Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
12 Protective Order no party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
13 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
14 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no party waives any right to object on any
15 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

16 39. Duration and Scope. This Protective Order is intended to regulate the
17 disclosure and handling of all Protected Material during the pendency of this action.
18 This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial. Rather, the use of
19 Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. If a
20 party intends to introduce at trial exhibits containing Protected Material, the parties
21 will meet and confer to determine whether the exhibits should be sealed. If the
22 parties cannot reach agreement that a particular exhibit does not need to be sealed,
23 the exhibit will be presumptively available to all members of the public, including
24 the press, unless the designating party files a motion to seal and obtains an order
25 sealing the exhibit. The motion shall be made in advance of trial and set forth
26 compelling reasons supported by specific facts. *See Kamakana v. City and County*
27 *of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006) (distinguishing “good cause”
28 showing for sealing documents produced in discovery from “compelling reasons”

1 standard when merits-related documents are part of court record). This Order shall
2 otherwise remain in full force and effect and survive the termination of this action,
3 unless or until it is modified, superseded or terminated on the record by agreement
4 of the parties hereto or by order of this Court.

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6 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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9 DATED: _September 26_, 2016

10 /S/ MICHAEL R. WILNER
11 HON. MICHAEL R. WILNER
12 United States Magistrate Judge
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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I hereby affirm that:

“Designated Material,” as defined in the Protective Order entered in the above-captioned action (“Protective Order”), is being provided to me pursuant to the terms and restrictions of the Protective Order.

I have been given a copy of and have read the Protective Order.

I am familiar with the terms of the Protective Order and I agree to comply with and to be bound by its terms.

I submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for enforcement of the Protective Order.

I agree not to use any Designated Material disclosed to me pursuant to the Protective Order except for purposes of the above-captioned litigation and not to disclose any of this information to persons other than those specifically authorized by the Protective Order, without the express written consent of the party who designated the information as confidential or by order of the presiding judge. I also

1 agree to notify any stenographic, clerical or technical personnel who are required to
2 assist me of the terms of this Protective Order and of its binding effect on them and
3 me.

4 I understand that I am to retain all Designated Material in a secure manner,
5 and that all such documents and materials are to remain in my personal custody until
6 the completion of my assigned duties in this matter, whereupon all such documents
7 and materials, including all copies thereof, and any writings prepared by me
8 containing any Designated Material are to be returned to counsel who provided me
9 with such documents and materials.

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